

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting,

HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL

Ken Scott asked the Board if the Health Department could have a facebook account because that is where the younger generation goes for information. Commissioner Francis stated that the IT Director is concerned with the safety of the County servers. Commissioner Francis is also concerned about staff having facebook accounts. Commissioner Faust would like to table this for a week because he does not know enough about the topic and would like to gather more information.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Spahr came before the Commissioners to ask about the new process for ordering supplies and wanted their definition of “frivolous”. If the Courts were offending they would like to know but ask that, they review the policy because if they need something waiting 2 or 3 weeks could be frustrating. Commissioner Francis said the Board had already changed the policy so the Board will review the request every Monday. If an office needs something, they can turn the sheet into the Auditor’s office, it will be presented to the Board on Monday, and if approved, the office can order that afternoon or the next morning. It was explained that everything that is spent this year, there is less money for next year. The County is looking at some full time positions becoming part time and some positions eliminated altogether. Employees were upset about the prospect of losing staff but have since purchased unnecessary items, which could leave the County no other options.

MEXICO FIRE ISSUES

Peggy Kline and Judy See came before the Board to voice their concerns about the buildings being torn down in Mexico. They do not feel like it should be done with tax dollars. Commissioner Francis said he would speak with Darrell Wooten, Planning and Zoning, to see what could be done. The women were also told they could check with Dr. Farag, Health Officer, to see if he had any suggestions.

The women both live on 190 and both were very upset that they had been brought into the sewer project in Mexico.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUE

Earnest Garretson came before the Commissioners to discuss a situation he had with a trailer that he had lived in and it was full of mold. He finally moved out but he is suing the person he rented from. He had spoken to Ken Scott, Health Environmentalist, at the time but has not heard back from him and wanted to know if the Commissioner could help. Mr. Scott came in and he remembered checking the trailer but would have to check his notes as it had been awhile. The Board also suggested that Mr. Garretson contact Dr. Farag, Health Officer.

IDEA GRANT

April Kennedy brought the IDEA Grant agreement to get a signature for our files. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Faust 2nd the agreement. The motion passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, brought a letter for the Commissioners approval recommending the Cliff Gardener be on the District 3 Planning Council replacing Carol Harbison. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow Chairman Boyer sign the recommendation letter. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VFW

James Russel, VFW, brought in a petition to keep the Veterans assistant at a full time position.

AIC

Ralph Duckwall, Council President, introduced Dave Bottorff of the Association of Indiana Counties. Mr. Bottorff presented the Board of Commissioners information on the advantages of a clinic to cut health care cost.

If the County, City and several of the schools went together it could be very cost effective and improve the health of the employees. Commissioner Boyer said it is something we definitely need to check into.

The Board also spoke briefly with Mr. Bottorff about 9-1-1 issues and money that the State claims the County owes back in local taxes and asked for him to see if he could get the County any information to help us deal with these issues.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, informed the Board that she is in need of some software updates. Mrs. McAuliffe can pay for the upgrades out of her Reassessment Fund. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the Assessor to purchase the software updates out of her Reassessment Fund. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PROSECUTOR

The Prosecutor is in need of Windows 7 updated on 4 computers and he can purchase those out of his Deferral Fund. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow out of Deferral and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Boyer was out of the room)

.IT

John Powell asked for permission for him and John Evans to attend the AIC Conference on Tuesday September 27th. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0 (Commissioner Boyer was out of the room)

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts reviewed the DoxPop contract for the Clerk and he has many questions.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked the Board for permission to take an ordinance before the Council for approval of a new fund. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow the Recorder to go before the Council for a new fund ordinance. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Boyer out of the room)

RECESS UNTILL 1:30

Jim Tidd and Don Cates, MCEDA, brought an amendment for the USDA Grant, which increases the Federal match and lowers the local match.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the amendment and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MICHAUD LAW OFFICE

Bryan Michaud informed the Board that he would be closing his law office in the Annex December 31, 2011.

SECURITY

Security Officer Tim Hunter spoke to the Board about a security issue on the 3rd floor. The hallways to the Judges chambers are accessible to everyone. Officer Hunter feels that there should be a petition/counter across the hallways to prevent someone just going back there. He knows it will not stop someone determined to get back there but it will help. Commissioner Faust is willing to look into something but he does not want the walls or floors being drilled into.

Officer Hunter has also learned that we have plenty of cameras but not enough room on the monitor. He requested another monitor so he can capture all of the camera views. He is willing to use one we already have if it is big enough and works. Commissioner Francis made a motion to purchase another monitor for security. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow payroll. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought information to the Board regarding Business 31. Commissioner Francis made a motion to look into re-doing Bridge plus 100 to 150 feet each side. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SUPPLY REQUEST

The Auditor's Office requested permission to order labels. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Ken Einselen requested to purchase steel replacement head. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner requested a monitor and video card for security. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

WORKMANS COMP CASE

Commissioner Francis made a motion to forward the workman's comp case to the County Attorney to review. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Commissioner Faust made a motion change the Columbus Holiday to December 24th (2012) to give employees a 4 day weekend at Christmas. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY INSURANCE POLICY

Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the insurance policy and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

SIEMAN'S BILL

The Board received the Service Agreement for Sieman's with a bill for \$7,053. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the agreement and process the payment of \$7,053. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, Chairman
C. Craig Boyer

_____, Vice Chairman
H. Jon Faust

_____, Member
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley